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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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NORTHERN ILLINOIS GAS COMPANY,)
d/b/a NICOR GAS COMPANY)
) No. 07-0508
Application for consent to and)
approval of an extension)
letter agreement between)
Northern Illinois Gas Company,)
d/b/a NICOR Gas Company, and)
EN Engineering, LLC, an)
affiliate, pursuant to)
Section 7-101 of the Illinois)
Public Utilities Act.)

Chicago, Illinois
November 26, 2007

Met, pursuant to notice, at 2:00 p.m.

BEFORE:

Mr. Douglas E. Kimbrel, Administrative Law Judge

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<u>Witnesses:</u>	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Cross</u>	<u>Re- direct</u>	<u>Re- cross</u>	<u>By Examiner</u>
None .					

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1 JUDGE KIMBREL: Pursuant to the authority of
2 the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call
3 Docket 07-0508, Northern Illinois Company -- Gas
4 Company -- excuse me -- doing business as NICOR Gas
5 Company. This is an application for consent to and
6 approval of an extension letter agreement between
7 Northern Illinois Gas Company, doing business as
8 NICOR Gas Company, and EN Engineering, LLC, an
9 affiliate, pursuant to Section 7-101 of the Illinois
10 Public Utilities Act.

11 Would the parties please identify
12 themselves for the record.

13 MR. CASEY: On behalf of the company,
14 Phillip A. Casey, law firm of Sonnenschein, Nath &
15 Rosenthal, 233 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois,
16 60606.

17 MR. OLIVERO: And on behalf of the Staff
18 witnesses of the Illinois Commerce Commission, James
19 Olivero, O-l-i-v, as in Victor, e-r-o, 523 (sic) East
20 Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

21 JUDGE KIMBREL: Okay. Counsel, would you like
22 to proceed?

1 MR. CASEY: Well, your Honor, this is the first
2 status on our petition. There's been some informal
3 discussion with respect to the schedule. I would
4 note that we made our filing in October and at that
5 time had requested expedited treatment or relief
6 because of the fact that the existing agreement will
7 lapse on December 31st, had spoke with Mr. Olivero
8 who has a proposed schedule and has explained to me
9 the basis or the rationale for that schedule.

10 JUDGE KIMBREL: Okay.

11 Staff?

12 MR. OLIVERO: Your Honor, we had proposed that
13 Staff direct testimony be filed on January 9th of
14 2008 with a follow-up status hearing for
15 January 17th. And assuming that there were no
16 issues, we would convert that to an evidentiary
17 hearing. Right now it's premature for us to tell
18 whether there are going to be any issues.

19 And then we had a company rebuttal
20 testimony date of January 23, 2008; a Staff rebuttal
21 testimony date of February 6, 2008; a company
22 surrebuttal testimony due date of February 13, 2008;

1 and, if need be, an evidentiary hearing on
2 February 20, 2008.

3 JUDGE KIMBREL: Okay. Well, do the parties
4 have anything further? Is that okay or...

5 MR. CASEY: Well, as I explained earlier before
6 we were on the record, your Honor, the concern the
7 company had was the existing agreement will lapse at
8 the end of the year, and the company will be required
9 to get other engineering services during the interim
10 period because, based on this schedule, we won't have
11 a Commission final order before the end of the year.

12 Having said that, if your Honor wants
13 to move forward with Staff's schedule, the company
14 doesn't have an objection to the period of time
15 between rebuttal and surrebuttal. Those are
16 completely doable. I would ask that instead of
17 setting a hearing date for the 20th, that we hold or
18 reserve that until the status hearing on the 17th. I
19 think everyone's schedule is going to be in a state
20 of flux the first couple months or several months in
21 2008 with all the new filings, and I am not certain
22 as to whether or not the 20th is an open date for me.

1 JUDGE KIMBREL: Okay.

2 MR. OLIVERO: And that would be fine with us,
3 your Honor.

4 JUDGE KIMBREL: Okay. So the next status date
5 are we saying is -- go ahead.

6 MR. CASEY: The next status date, based on
7 Staff's proposal, is January 17, 2008.

8 JUDGE KIMBREL: Uh-huh.

9 MR. CASEY: Again, based on Staff's proposal,
10 it will either be a status or an evidentiary hearing
11 depending on Staff's investigation and testimony.

12 JUDGE KIMBREL: Okay.

13 MR. CASEY: And just so we're clear, Judge, if
14 it were to be an evidentiary hearing on that date, it
15 would be based on the fact that we don't have a
16 disagreement, and we'd probably simply admit the
17 testimony by affidavit.

18 JUDGE KIMBREL: Okay. Is there anything
19 further?

20 MR. OLIVERO: If we go with that schedule,
21 Judge, do you know what would be convenient with your
22 schedule on the 17th for a time?

1 JUDGE KIMBREL: I didn't bring my calendar in,
2 but I'm pretty sure I'm wide open.

3 MR. OLIVERO: Would 10:00 o'clock work with
4 everybody, Phil, or...

5 MR. CASEY: It's fine with the company.

6 MR. OLIVERO: I mean, if that's convenient with
7 your schedule, your Honor.

8 JUDGE KIMBREL: Just a moment.

9 That's a Monday; is that right?

10 MR. CASEY: No. I have it as a Thursday.

11 MR. OLIVERO: It is a Thursday. That's
12 correct.

13 JUDGE KIMBREL: A Thursday at 10:00.

14 MR. CASEY: 10:00 a.m., your Honor?

15 JUDGE KIMBREL: Yes. Staff, is that working
16 for you?

17 MR. OLIVERO: Yes, that would work with us.

18 JUDGE KIMBREL: Okay. Okay. That's fine.
19 Let's set it for a status on January 10th then.

20 MR. CASEY: 17th.

21 JUDGE KIMBREL: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I
22 apologize for that.

1 January 17th at 10:00.

2 MR. OLIVERO: Okay.

3 JUDGE KIMBREL: Okay. Is there anything
4 further?

5 MR. OLIVERO: Not with Staff, your Honor.

6 MR. CASEY: Nothing with the company, your
7 Honor.

8 JUDGE KIMBREL: Okay. All right. This matter
9 is continued until January 17th at 10:00 a.m.

10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
11 matter was continued to
12 January 17, 2008, at
13 10:00 a.m.)

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